network to various newspapers all over the counry.

In view of the existing adequate arrangements, there is no proposal to create a 'pool of information'.

Indo-US collaboration in research ventures

317. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for increased collaboration in research ventures between India and the United States in the scientific and technological fields; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The 8th Meeting of the Indo-US Subcommission on Science and Technology was held at Washington, D.C. on September 22—24, 1986, to further the collaboration in the following S&T fields;

(i) Physical and Material Sciences;

(ii) Earth, Atmosphere and Marine Sciences;

(iii) Energy;

(iv) Environment and Ecology;

(v) Information Science & Technology;

(vi) Health, Medical and Life Sciences

In addition, it was agreed that the popularization of science was an important area which should be given increased support and emphasis in cooperative activities under the Sub-commission.

Manufacture of Patrol Aircraft for the Navy

318. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to manufacture fast attack patrol aircraft for the Indian Navy; and

(b) if so, what are the details regarding its production schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for construction of fast patrol aircraft for the Indian Navy. However, M|s HAL are commencing the licence production of the Dornier aircraft, which shall be utilized for Coastal reconnaissance role.

Preventing entry to ticket holders for the One Day International Cricket Match at Delhi

319. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons who had valid tickets for the one-day international cricket match at Delhi could not gain entry into the Stadium as they were prevented by the Delhi Police; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore and whether any action has been taken against police officers responsible for causing incovenience to the ticket holders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Police was deployed at the venue of the match only for maintenance of law and order. The checking of entry on the basis of valid

ticketts was being done by the management of the Cricket Control Board.

(b) Does not arise.

Television and Radio Programmes on communal harmony

320. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telecasts and broadcasts of programmes on communal harmoney and national integration during the year 1985 and during the current year; and

(b) the number of films shown on Television on communal harmony and national integration during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Nearly 60,000 programmes on national integration and communal harmony were broadcast by the AIR Stations during 1985 and the corresponding figure during the period January, 1986 to October, 1986 was 39,480. The number of such programmes telecast by Doordarshan Kendras was approximately 1900 during 1985 and 1100 during the period January, 1986 to October, 1986.

(b) A large number of feature films are telecast by the different Kendras in a year. In many, the story line may be based on either of the themes of communal harmony and national integration. In some others, there might have been sequences where either or both the themes might have been depicted directly or indirectly. The number of such films so categorised are not maintained in a compiled form.

Demand for formation of Gorkhaland

321. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for formation of Gorkhaland is under consideration of the Central Government; and

(b) if not, that alternative measures Government have under their consideration to meet the demands of the people of Darjeeling hill areas?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Central Government is not in favour of creating Gorkhaland as a separate State. However, Government fees that the economic development of the Darjeeling hills areas should be looked into and stable measures taken in this regard.

Enforcement of decentralisation in the Ministries

322. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 57 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th July, 1985 and state:

(a) what steps have been taken so far by various Ministries for decentralisation and delegation of powers; and

(b) what progress has been made so far by the Ministries to speed up the decision making and in the enforcement of accountability and simplification of rules and procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) To enforce accountability and to speed up decision making, 38 Ministries have already fixed the level for disposal of case and the channel of their submission. Ministries have also taken steps to delegate financial and other powers and to simplify rules and procedures. Ministry-wise illustrative lists of steps taken in the matter of delegation of powers and simplification of procedures are given at Annexures I and II respectively (*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 10)